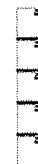


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We disclose a method of diagnosis of a disease, or susceptibility to a disease associated with abnormal cell-cell adhesion between epithelial cells, the method comprising detection of a mutation in a nucleic acid encoding an adhesion protein, a protease, or a protease inhibitor of an individual.

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